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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE
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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
11 Plaintiff,
12 v.
13 RODERICK EARL VANGA,
14 Defendant.
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Case No. CR11-246RSL

ORDER DENYING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION
TO APPOINT COUNSEL
ON APPEAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on Roderick Earl Vanga's *pro se* motion to appoint
17 counsel on appeal. Dkt. # 177. The Court denied Mr. Vanga's motion to reduce his sentence
18 under 18 U.S.C. § 3582, Dkt. # 175, and he seeks appointment of counsel to appeal that denial.
19 A defendant does not have a right to counsel in § 3582 motions. United States v. Townsend, 98
20 F.3d 510, 512 (9th Cir. 1996). A court may appoint counsel for a party unable to afford it, 28
21 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), but only in "exceptional circumstances" that require a party be likely to
22 succeed on the merits, Agyeman v. Corr. Corp. of Am., 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th Cir. 2004).
23 Mr. Vanga's argument is not likely to succeed, and his motion is accordingly DENIED.
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25 DATED this 7th day of September, 2017.

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27 Robert S. Lasnik
28 United States District Judge